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"We must educate, we must educate."—Beecher.

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The Bible Institute.

The annual Bible Institute has of late years become an interesting feature of the college. It lasts two weeks and is intended especially for ministers and Sunday School workers and all who have a desire to do more and better work for the cause of the Master. And it is gratifying to see how our people are availing themselves of these opportunities offered them; for in this day of progress and enlightenment, when much time and means are being spent to forward the cause of commercialism and the affairs of state, it is imperative that the spiritual functions of life be performed and improved equally well, that the cause of the church may not lag behind but keep in the front ranks of progress.

To those whom a thorough course in school is denied, the Institute affords invaluable training. For it gives opportunity for all to come under the influence of our best talent where the problems of the ministry and the Sunday School are discussed and ways explained as to how these problems may be solved. Also by hearing the inspiring lectures upon the Scriptures, many have been made to see beauties in the sacred word which before was a sealed mystery to them.

That the Institute has been a success is assured by the progress both in spirit and attendance during the past years. We need not go back many years to find only a small crowd attending and this largely because they felt it a sense of duty. Now a great change has taken place. Large crowds attend because they consider it a privilege and a satisfaction. Many look forward with bright anticipations to the time when they shall be fortified against the barriers of sin which beset life's pathway.

The Institute of 1911—lasting from Jan. 23d to Feb. 3d—which many had awaited with joyful hearts, we have lately seen pass into history. And our hopes and expectations have been turned into reflections and meditations. That this session was a success, let those who attended tell.

The program in a large measure was similar to those of preceeding years. The instructors for the regular program were as follows: Prof. S. N. McCann occupied three periods each day upon the subjects Galatians, Revelation and the Doctrine of the Church of the Brethren. Prof. T. S. Mo-

herman devoted one period to discussing the problems of the Sunday School and one to missions and the Christian Ministry. Elder S. G. Greyer gave a number of lectures expounding the problems which the city pastor has to meet. Mrs. S. N. McCann interested the audience for a number of periods while she told the touching story of her personal experience during the ten years which she spent in India as a missionary.

A special missionary program was rendered on Friday afternoon of January 27th. This program instructed the audience upon the leading missionary questions of the day. Prof. McCann told of "The Best Method of Securing Workers for the Field." Elder B. B. Garber gave some splendid plans of "Supplying the District needs." Elder S. G. Greyer told his "Personal Experience in City Mission Work." Dr. R. E. L. Strickler gave some valuable instruction concerning "The Layman's Missionary Movement." Miss Anna Zigler told us in a well prepared paper "What Bridgewater College can do for Missions."

Friday, Feb. 3d, the last day of the Institute, was designated as college day, which was a fitting climax indeed. The program was begun by Mr. N. M. Albright who gave an interesting address showing the relation of "The College Student and Missions." Dr. E. R. Miller told us about "The College and the Community." Dr. J. S. Flory forcibly impressed upon us "The Mission of the College." "Policies to Build the College" were elaborated upon by Elder P. S. Thomas. In an enthusiastic speech, Prof. J. C. Myers showed us "The Opportunity of the College." Prof. Moherman put on the cap sheaf of the program by telling "How much Education for our Boys and Girls."

The attendance this year was a record breaker. In spite of the inclement weather, the chapel was well filled thru the greater part of the two weeks. On College and Mission days it was crowded to its utmost. A large per cent of those attending, of course, were from Bridgewater and vicinity, but there were not a few from the more remote parts of the state, besides a number from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Tennessee.

The evangelistic services conducted each evening by Prof. Moherman were no less interesting

and instructive than the regular Institute work. The services were well attended not only by the Bible students but also the college students and a large number from the vicinity, making large audiences to receive the messages of truth.

The spirit which prevailed the entire session was pleasing indeed. Not only was the work instructive, but it afforded opportunity for the highest Christian enjoyment. Acquaintances were formed which will last for life. Some expressed their delight to see the congeniality between the college students and those who were spending these two weeks in their midst. The cause of this was attributed to the superior character of the college students this year. We doubt whether this is so much the reason as some would claim, but it is because the student of today is coming to be better understood and hence more loved and respected.

It is a lamentable fact among our people that the student is looked upon as a suspicious character. This condition is due to the misunderstanding of the student by so many people. If the college is to fill her place in the world, it is imperative that there be a complete understanding of the college and the college student, which understanding can best be brot about by coming in contact with his daily life and experiences. The Institute has already done much in breaking down this wall between the student and the masses by bringing them in contact with each other; and is capable of accomplishing much more if we cast aside some of our prejudices and work to the common good of all.

Surely all may feel encouraged over our successes this year. We are glad to have had so many of our friends visit us, and would ask you now to look forward to the Institute of 1912 and bring with you those who are suspicious of the college that they too may be convinced of the good that can come out of Naarzeth.

H. N. GLICK.



Bible Term—Special Days.

"How are you enjoying the Bible Term?" a visitor was asked near the close of the term.

"I think it is the best we have ever had since I began attending, and this has been—ten years."

Thus in substance many were heard to express themselves. That the Bible Term is attracting recognition and fine support in attendance from a widely distributed people is easy to see. There are several special features of this work, too, that are meeting favor—the Mission and College Days. The former this year came the afternoon of Friday, January 27. Most of the regular classes of the College were dismissed in order to permit students to attend.

Elder S. N. McCann spoke, first, upon, "The

Best Method of Securing Workers for the Field. He outlined two methods, the one providing for the call for volunteers for the work, the other for election of the missionary as ministers and deacons are elected. Elder McCann supported more warmly this latter plan; it chooses *the* worker and furthermore impresses the responsibility and weight of the call.

"How Best Supply the Needs of Our Districts," discussed by Eld. B. B. Garber, brought out the idea that workers for local fields are easier to find than the funds with which to support them. He laid particular stress upon the financial situation and showed that its solution in the main lies in bringing men and women in close contact with the needs of the field. Then real whole-hearted support will be forthcoming.

Eld. S. G. Greyer's subject was, "Personal Experience in City Mission Work." He began, since the topic was *personal* experience, with an account of his first introduction to the work—in his Indiana home. He told how he came to Buena Vista, Va., and how the work began there under seemingly unfavorable circumstances. He laid strong emphasis upon the importance of prayer, of consecration, of a sympathetic, co-operating helpmeet, and upon the necessity of winning the citizens in their homes without antagonizing them; antagonism is destructive, helpful guidance and direction, constructive.

Dr. R. E. L. Strickler, on "The Layman's Missionary Movement," traced its history from its origin in New York City to the present, indicating what the movement had done, what it is doing and what it can do. He dwelt at some length upon its system inherent in the movement, and upon the value and advantage of weekly missionary and local church contributions. Dr. Strickler spoke further of the movement as operating in the Bridgewater congregation; its fruitage is apparent already. "Set a goal and work to it," was his concluding thought. (For fuller information concerning the Laymans' Movement, address, Layman's Movement, 1 Madison Ave., New York.)

In the last subject of the afternoon, "What Can Bridgewater College Do for Missions," Miss Annie C. Zigler enumerated a long list of possible achievements. To arouse missionary spirit and enthusiasm, to train missionaries, to support them in the field, to study missions, to better support the work of the local Missionary Society,—these in part represent results the faculty and student body can bring to pass for missions. Miss Zigler showed wherein we are and are not accomplishing well for missions, home and foreign.

For College Day, Jan. 3, regular classes were discontinued from 9:40 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. and a program given in the Chapel both morning and afternoon. The first program began with a sub-

ject left over from Mission Day, "The College Student and Missions," by N. M. Albright, with numerous illustrations and suggestions, Mr. Albright made a strong plea for a closer relationship between young and old in accomplishing the work of the world. Mutual confidence and co-operation must be established before the student or any one else can play an unhampered and successful part in human uplift.

In discussing "The College and the Community," Dr. E. R. Miller dwelt at length upon the inter-dependent relationship between school and community. Whatever makes for or against the welfare of the one makes for or against the welfare of the other. Money invested in the college means money invested in the community; well rounded development acquired in college means well rounded development transplanted into the community. The college has its function, so the community. Each must discover, understand, co-operate with the others.

Dr. Jno. S. Flory set forth "The Mission of the College," emphasizing the moral and religious training offered here in addition to physical, social and intellectual discipline and culture. The answer to this question, "Is the College accomplishing her work?" seems to be the significant fact that those in most intimate touch with the College are now, more than ever before, with her staunchest friends and supporters—financially, morally and in number of students sent to her.

In the afternoon Eld. P. S. Thomas began with "Policies to Build the College." He pressed the need of an enlarged endowment. Without such debt and incomplete equipment are sure to militate against the full possibilities of the College and result in utter defeat of her purposes and mission. Further, Bridgewater needs a well endowed agriculture Department to develop trained farmers.

Prof. J. C. Myers enlarged the idea of an agriculture Department in his talk, "The Opportunity of the College." To him \$25,000 invested here in practical equipment—laboratories and fields—will do more to turn out just the sort of willing wide-awake, successful tillers of the soil that the patrons of the College are hoping for but not finding. The majority of our boys come from the farm, can there be a greater need anywhere than here for a department of agriculture? Trained farmers like trained mechanics are the winners in this century.

"How much Education for our Boys and Girls," was discussed by Prof. T. S. Moherman, and answered:—Just as much education as time, money and opportunity affords; the more education, other things being equal, the better. It prepares for completer living, and to deny a child this is to deny him his best birth right.

The Teachers' Normal.

The teachers' normal will begin this year on March 28 and run to the end of the session. This will afford an excellent opportunity for teachers to review the public school branches preparatory to taking the state examination. The fact that this normal runs ten weeks, which is long enough time to review the subjects thoroughly, gives it an unusual advantage over most other normals which run only about half as long or less. But this has been our custom and the uniformly good results obtained warrant the conviction that a normal should be long enough to give a good, thorough review of the work undertaken.

The work will be conducted this year again along the lines usual with us. The college faculty will have it in charge, which insures a grade of work not surpassed anywhere in the state. Not only will the different branches be presented by teachers who know their subjects, but the best methods of presenting them will also be kept constantly in view. This makes a very rich and helpful review, the scholastic idea and the pedagogical idea going hand in hand.

The distinctive features of our normals heretofore will be preserved. The organization of separate classes for the teachers has so thoroughly commended itself to those who have been in attendance that it has become a unique distinction of our work. The drill work of review, which keeps in sight constantly the preparation for examination will be emphasized. A number of free lectures and entertainments are being provided with special reference to the needs of teachers, and every effort will be made to make their stay at the College both helpful and pleasant.

Students in the normal will be regularly matriculated and will enjoy all the advantages and privileges of those who have been in attendance through the session. They will have free access to the college library, a splendid collection of over ten thousand volumes, and the reading room stored with the best magazines, weekly journals and dailies of the day. They will also have the advantage of our new gymnasium, one of the best in the State, where they can pursue their exercises in bad weather, unmolested. And the various social functions, which make life at the College pleasant, will afford recreation and add to their enjoyment.

We invite all teachers and prospective teachers who expect to take the state examination this summer to write for further information in regard to this normal. We believe we can offer you advantages that will be attractive to you.



Ralph Monger is seen about the College occasionally. His sister, Miss Florence, is a student here.

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The Spring Term Begins March 13.

H. A. Shaver, Troutville, Va., spent a week in our midst not long ago.

Dr. Jno. S. Flory and Dr. A. B. Bicknell attended the State Teachers' Association, Richmond, during Thanksgiving.

Walter Hooker is teaching in the Strasburg High School, of which I. S. W. Anthony is principal. Mr. Anthony was a December visitor of the College.

Miss Frankie Showalter, Troutville, Va., and Miss Pearl Skeggs, of Roanoke, were here recently to attend Hannibal A. Williams' reading of Henry IV and the Gamble Concert Party's excellent entertainment.

New students entering since the holidays are: W. D. Shaver, E. E. Coverston, Glenwood Bauserman and Carl Feller, all of Shenandoah county; J. J. Hamm, of Decatur, Ill., and H. M. McDonald, of West Virginia.

The Men's College Glee Club will give a recital at Tenth Legion Friday, Feb. 24, assisted by Miss Byerly with piano solos and Miss Bayly with several readings. This Club gave an enjoyable program in College Dec. 16.

Dr. C. C. Ellis gave his lecture, "The Largest Word in the Dictionary," in the College auditorium Friday evening, February 10. It was thoroughly appreciated. President Byron W. King of the Pittsburg School of Oratory will come to us for a program March 17.

Among the alumni present for at least a part of Bible Term were: W. A. Myers, Adam Miller, Jacob Zigler, I. N. Garber, J. S. Roller, J. W. Wampler, J. E. Roller, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Early, M. G. Sanger, Emmer Kline, E. M. Wampler, Walter Miller, Mrs. Lelia Neff, Cora Ringgold, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Miller, E. S. Coffman, S. D. Zigler, B. S. Landis, Nellie Myers, M. J. Cline, Stella Caldwell, B. B. Garber, C. J. Smucker, Ada Huffman, Ida Arey, and many others.

The Prohibition League.

The most significant new organization in College this year is the Prohibition League. November 17 Mr. Geo. W. Barrett, Eastern Traveling Secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association, came to us with a message, inviting the student body to organize a local League, such as is being established among many of the leading colleges and universities east and west. The purpose of the Inter-Collegiate Association is to promote among the local Leagues the unbiased study of the liquor problem, realizing that this question is far from a complete solution. In interesting college men and women in the economic, social, political, moral and religious aspects of prohibition lies one large hope of a just and thoroughgoing settlement of this pertinent issue.

The local Prohibition League is kept in touch with the progress of the general movement through the *Inter-Collegiate Statesman*, the organ of the Inter-Collegiate Association. It furnishes the most authentic information, contributions of the best thinkers on the subject, briefs for debate, and provides courses of systematic study wherever such are desired; and it is a promising fact that many such courses are being conducted in our schools throughout the nation. One of the most interesting features for us in the immediate future is the provision for an oratorical contest. The orations must be written upon some phase of the temperance issue and the winner in our local contest will represent the college in a state contest held in April. There the best schools in Virginia will be represented and the winner will be sent to the inter-state contest, and the winner here to the grand national contest, which is held bi-yearly. All of this promises to stimulate interest among students in temperance and promote the spirit of more painstaking investigation of the whole problem. Soon a temperance program will be given in the Missionary Society and we prophesy the dawn of a new day of greater promise in prohibition affairs at Bridgewater.

The Executive Board in direct charge of the local movement is as follows: N. M. Albright, president; W. S. Thomas, vice-president; Miss Ella E. Miller, secretary; Miss Annie Zigler, treasurer; F. P. Myers, reporter.

The *Inter-Collegiate Statesman* (January) says in part:

"The most promising new League organized during the past month is at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va. It started under the inspiration of a visit and address from * * * Geo. W. Barrett on Nov. 17, with 41 members, every one of them securing *The Statesman* as a part of membership and paying for it in advance. This alone * * * will leave a most lasting and effective work for prohibition."

The Need Of Agricultural Education.

Bridgewater College by reason of its location should aim to serve the needs of the people of the Shenandoah Valley. The chief occupation of the people of the Valley is farming, stockraising, fruit growing, dairying and grain growing. There are very few industries here that do not directly serve the farmer and depend on him for patronage. Hence the students of the College are nearly all the children of farmers. After securing an education, much or little, a large number of them go back to the farm.

When a young man comes to us to prepare himself for a position as bookkeeper, we teach him bookkeeping thoroughly along with other things that will help in his future work. When a young man comes to us to secure an education with the idea of making farming his future occupation we do not pursue the same methods with him. We have not been able to give him the least bit of assistance, technically, that will make him a better farmer. To be sure, an education will help him. It will help one in any calling. But since the College is largely supported by an Agricultural people, it is evidently about time to provide adequate Agricultural instruction for those who expect to become farmers.

In order that this instruction be of practical value, we will need to do more than teach a few abstract subjects relating to farming, but in connection with the theory taught in the class room, it will be necessary to have a well equipped experimental farm nearby where the whole subject can be taught practically. Good farm buildings will be needed and all sorts of useful farm implements. The farm should be stocked with the various kinds of farm live stock, horses, cows, hogs, sheep, chickens. Orchards and gardens should be cultivated and cared for by the most approved methods.

When we can offer such courses to our patrons the parents who are desirous of keeping their boys on the farm will no longer need to hesitate to send them here for an education. When you show these boys, raised on the farm, how they can easily double the yield of corn and wheat by careful selection of seed and proper cultivation of the soil, how they can improve on the old methods of raising stock, this occupation will look very different to them and a new interest for the farm will spring up in their lives and they will not be attracted by other less desirable callings.

This new department could be instituted in an up to date manner by an expenditure of \$25,000. This amount could be raised if five hundred farmers who are interested in securing for their sons a thorough Agricultural education would each donate \$50. And while this would be a donation,

in another sense it would be a business investment in that it would assist them and their children in learning methods to make their business both more interesting and more profitable. How many men who read this feel able and willing to donate \$50 for the above named purpose?

Our young people have been continually drifting from the farm into towns and cities through many years. This has been a source of much regret on the part of parents and often the young people themselves have seen their mistake when it is too late. Our cities have increased in population much more rapidly in proportion than the country districts. For this reason the supply of food products have not kept pace with the growth in population, hence the cost of living has become a burden to laboring classes in the cities. And too, the many temptations to vice in the cities, as well as the strenuous competition, make success very doubtful for the farmer boy who expects to find there greater opportunity and greater happiness than in the country home. It is time the tide is setting back to the land. Nothing will give greater impetus to such a movement than Agricultural schools. Bridgewater College should do her part.

When once our young people are taught the science of farming, how two heads of wheat can be made to grow where one grew before, how a perfect apple can be made to grow where a knotty specimen grew before, then this calling will attract a proper portion of them. It is not fitting nor proper that the old folks who own the rich land in this great Valley should be compelled to see their sons trained for occupations in the far away cities of this nation. It is desirable that a large proportion of them take up the profession of their fathers, and that with better knowledge and better methods.



Oratory and Debate.

The annual inter-society debate for the possession of the silver trophy will take place in the college auditorium on Tuesday evening, February 21st. The Victorian Society will be represented by N. M. Albright and Paul E. Hoover, with E. A. Helsley as alternate, while the opposing team from the Virginia Lee Society is composed of N. A. Seese, Carl W. Myers, and Stanley F. Hoover alternate. The proposition is: Resolved, "that the popular initiative and referendum system of legislation should be adopted by the different states." Both teams are working with a determination to win and the battle promises to be an interesting one.

Another feature that should attract considerable interest is the oratorical contest held under the auspices of the College Prohibition League sometime early in April. Those who have entered

this arena are N. M. Albright, John E. Wine, D. H. Hoover, H. N. Glick and Fred P. Myers. The orations will be written on some phase of the temperance issue and the winner will then represent the college in the State contest where some of the best schools of Virginia will be represented.

The first inter-class debate in the history of the institution will be held at some time later in the session. The Senior team, composed of E. E. Neff and E. A. Helsley, with John E. Wine alternate, will meet H. N. Glick and Fred P. Myers, with Paul E. Hoover alternate, of the Sophomore class. The proposition is: Resolved, "that social clubs are indispensable to the abolition of the city saloon."

The Victorian and Virginia Lee literary societies are now preparing for their preliminaries from which the regular contestants for the society medals are to be chosen. In the Victorian society those entering the preliminary are Misses Ferne Haegley, Vesta Sanger, Emma Glick and Blanche Rowe, and Messrs. N. M. Albright, Melvin Cline, Roy M. Hoover, and M. M. Myers.

In the Virginia Lee society the ladies are Misses Susie Arnold, Elsie Thomas and E. Maude Shank, and the gentlemen are Messrs. Stanley F. Hoover, Claude M. Snow, B. F. Good, N. A. Seese, Edgar Sipe and Fred R. Dyer.



Special Endowment.

Specially endowed institutions have advantages to offer to their patrons that cannot be offered by those that are not endowed. Specially endowed chairs can offer great advantages to both teacher and pupil above those that are not endowed.

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The institution that is not endowed, but, has some specially endowed chair can offer at least free tuition in the line of the work done by

the chair. This makes the work of that chair sure along the line of the work for which it is endowed. A chair endowed by the church for Bible work is of necessity under obligation to teach along the line for which it is endowed. It is under obligation to the church to teach as it may direct. The church has a right to ask and expect results from such endowed chairs. The Bible chair of Bridgewater College should be endowed so all who will take Bible work could have free tuition. The chair should be independent of tuition for the churches' sake, for the students' sake, and for the teachers' sake.

May the time soon come when we will have our Bible department well endowed.



The Philomathean Monthly is offering this year three prizes of five dollars each: One for the best story contributed by a student during the session, one for the best essay, and one for the best poem. These productions to be considered for the contest must be strictly original.



The three literary societies some time ago appointed a joint committee to collect for permanent binding all the volumes of the Philomathean Monthly. The files have been allowed to become scattered so that this is a considerable task, but the committee has been very successful in its searchings and we hope that we will soon have the files complete and ready for binding.



W. S. Thomas has left school and will reside in Staunton.

B. F. Sink, '07, of the Daleville College music faculty, spent a day with us just after the holidays.

Misses Nora and Lucy Spitzer recently visited their sister, Miss Atha, at the College.

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